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SUBJECT: JOINT STATEMENT OF SENATORS, REPRESENTATIVES AND
GOVERNORS ON NORTHERN IRELAND

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED MARCH 16 BY
SENATORS KENNEDY (D-MASS), MOYNIHAN (D-NY), EAGLETON
(D-MO), MCGOVERN (D-SD), DURKIN (D-NH), HART (D-COLO),
MCINTYRE (D-NH), BIDEN (D-DEL) AND LEAHY (D-VT); REPRESENTATIVES
O'NEILL (D-MASS, SPEAKER), FOLEY (D-WASH), THOMPSON (D-NJ),
MCFALL (D-CAL), EDWARDS (D-CAL); MARKEY (D-MASS) AND
CAVANAUGH (D-NEBR); GOVERNORS CAREY (D-NY) AND BYRNE (D-NJ).

BEGIN TEXT. ONE YEAR AGO, A GROUP OF US, AS IRISH AMERICANS
CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONTINUING TERRORISM AND DESTRUCTION
IN NORTHERN IRELAND, ISSUED A STATEMENT CALLING FOR AN END
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TO THE KILLING ON BOTH SIDES AND APPEALING TO OUR FELLOW
AMERICANS TO RENOUNCE ANY ACTION THAT PROVIDES SUPPORT OR
ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THOSE ENGAGED IN VIOLENCE.

WE AND OTHERS RENEW THAT APPEAL IN EVEN STRONGER TERMS THIS
YEAR. WE CONDEMN THE VIOLENCE OF ALL INDIVIDUALS AND EXTREMIST
GROUPS. WE JUST AS STRONGLY CONDEMN THE VIOLATIONS

OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN NORTHERN

IRELAND AS FOUND BY THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER REPORTS THAT SOME INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS IN THE UNITED STATES ARE STILL PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO THE ENEMIES OF PEACE IN NORTHERN IRELAND. THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION WHATEVER FOR ANY PERSONS TO LEND THEIR SUPPORT OR GOOD NAMES TO ACTIVITIES THAT ENHANCE THE CAUSE OF VIOLENCE. THOSE WHO VIOLATE THIS STANDARD BEAR A HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROLONGING THE TERRORISM AND ENDANGERING THE LIVES OF INNOCENT MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

ALL OF US SHARE THE GREAT GOAL OF IRISH UNITY. WE REJECT THE VIEW THAT THE GOAL CAN OR SHOULD BE ACHIEVED BY SPILLING THE BLOOD AND SACRIFICING THE LIVES OF IRISH OR ANY OTHER PEOPLE. ACTS OF TERRORISM AND VIOLENCE COMMITTED IN THE NAME OF IRISH UNITY WILL ONLY INCREASE THE PRESENT POLARIZATION AND POSTPONE THE LONG-SOUGHT DAY WHEN UNITY WILL BE ACHIEVED.

WE STRONGLY ENDORSE THE STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT CARTER OF AUGUST 30, 1977 CONDEMNING THE VIOLENCE, SUPPORTING A SOLUTION BASED ON A FORM OF GOVERNMENT ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND TO THE IRISH AND BRITISH
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GOVERNMENTS, AND PROPOSING AMERICAN FINANCIAL AID FOR JOBS AND INVESTMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND AFTER A SETTLEMENT IS OBTAINED.

AT A TIME WHEN WE SEEK GREATER RESTRAINT AND RESPECT FOR PEACE ON THE PART OF OUR FELLOW AMERICANS, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THERE BE A MORE GENUINE COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF THE LEADERSHIP OF THE MAJORITY COMMUNITY IN NORTHERN IRELAND TO A SETTLEMENT THAT IS FAIR TO PROTESTANTS AND CATHOLICS ALIKE. IT IS ALSO ESSENTIAL THAT THERE BE MORE EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO ACHIEVE SUCH A SETTLEMENT. TIME AND AGAIN IN RECENT YEARS, MOVEMENT TOWARD A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION HAS BEEN HALTED BY THE INTRANSIGENCE OF EXTREMIST ELEMENTS IN THE PROTESTANT COMMUNITY AND BY BRITAIN'S FAILURE SO FAR TO END THE FESTERING STALEMATE.

WE ARE HEARTENED BY RECENT INDICATIONS THAT AN ACTUAL MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND ARE NOW AT LAST IN FAVOR OF A PEACEFUL SOLUTION THAT IS FAIR TO BOTH SIDES OF THE COMMUNITY. WE URGE THE LEADERS OF ALL THE PARTIES TO RENEW FORTHWITH THEIR EFFORTS TO REACH AN ACCEPTABLE

AGREEMENT.

THE SEASON OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY BRINGS THE GREEN OF
SPRING, THE ANCIENT SIGN OF HOPE AND REBIRTH. IT IS A
SEASON FOR LIFE AND NOT DEATH, FOR PROGRESS AND NOT
DESPAIR, FOR PEACE AND NOT DESTRUCTION. IN THIS SPIRIT
WE MAKE OUR APPEAL, HOPEFUL THAT IT WILL TOUCH RESPONSIVE
CHORDS IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF ALL WHO TRULY SEEK AN
END TO THE VIOLENCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND. END TEXT. VANCE

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